(e) what is the decision of Government on these embezzlement, omissions and commissions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A member of the Special Team has been repatriated to his parent Department pursuant to some complaints received by the Government regarding his conduct.

(b) to (e) On receipt of complaints almade by the Special Team, it was decided, leging irregularities in the computations in 1989, to review all their recommendations and the events thereafter. Accordingly revised tentative calculations have since been made in a number of cases and communicated to the concerned companies. For the remaining, the revised calculations will be made soon after receipt of complete details which have already been asked for. While reassessing the liabilities have been computed strictly in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1979/1987 and the judgements of the Courts.

The question of taking action against the members of the team and fixing responsibility would arise only after the liabilities of the companies are finally determined.

Availability of medicines at reasonable prices

377. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the medicines for which Government have been able to arrange adequate supply at reasonable prices during the last one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of all the medicines have been increased during the last one year and Government have been misled on this issue:

(c) whether in those cases where reduction was due or fabulous increase was not due, unjustified increases have been given;

(d) whether Government are imposing unjustified costs on the consumers due to manipulations in the guise of following the norms; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There have been no shortages in supply of medicines except a few isolated cases of branded products in specific regions for which equivalent therepeutics were usually available. The prices of controlled medicines are fixed/revised as per the provisions of the DPCO, 1987 1987 after careful scrutiny. This ensures that the price increases approved by the Government are actually related to the input costs. Certain amount of increase is inavitable in a situation of rising cost of inputs if continuous supply has to be ensured. The recent exchange rate adjustment has, however, led to relatively more increase in the prices of mericines having larger proportion of imported inputs.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Overcharging of price under DPCO 1987

378 SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that in case of overcharging of price under DPCO, 1987 the concerned manufacturers are required to pay the amount overcharged to Government:

(b) the number of cases of overcharging detected under DPCO, 1987 so far and what is the overcharged amount assessed each case and what are the details of the in each case; and

(c) what is the amount recovered i cases where even the overcharged amoun has not been assessed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FEI TILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN (a) to (c) The details to the exte